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del
R.° ORTO BOTANICO
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My dear, very dear Sir

I am always indebted to You for Your two friendly nipices of Nov.r 1871 and March last, although it was my very purpose to answer You as soon as possible. However I delayed sometime because I hoped to be enabled to accompany my letter with some Mémoire, which I was there disposing for publication. But many occurrences arrived to hinder me in especiating my observations, and drawing my notes during the spring, and the beginings grew heavier through the Summer-Months: chiefly on account of my occupations, very extraordinary too, in the quality of a President of the Neapolitain Section (a creation of mine) of the Italian Alpine Club. Then the wearysome work of Examina — near to 500! — exhausted all my time and powers till to the last passed week.

Yesterday I had the agreeable surprise to become acquainted with the son of Dr. Engelmann, a very lovely fellow, to whom I was so happy to hand a brochure about a few South-American plants; but I had also the desappointment that the printers of our two Academies have yet not sent the separate copies of other little writings of my own manipulation. These may follow later.

I am very glad that my earlier expedition was agreed by your indulgence. As to the return which You kindly intend to offer to me, I ought to confess that American scientific papers are a rare marchandise in our countries: of Yours many worthy the late School-Manual of botany for the Northern States is the only specimen, which boasts our bibliothèque with.

You would greatly rejoice and obliege by sending some of the species, You have established, in dried specimens: the authentica were always a most appetible bit to me, as the very documents to the science.

I pray, You instant to present my devoledgt regards to Mad. Gray and to agree the most hearty salutations

from Your Servt.

Yt. Cesati